

Orkney, Shetland, and Foroyar Islands

Words used in the Orkney Islands,
Shetland Islands, and
Foroyar Islands.

English

A

- aa river
ayre open beach of sand or shingle

B

- baa sunken rock, on which the sea breaks
..... in bad weather only
banki bank
barmur bay, cove
bodhi rocks
botnur bay
bow buoy
brough, burgh circular tower or islet
gue sunken rock
bugt bay or bight
bydg village

D

- drangur rocks, point
dyke wall

E

- eejde isthmus
eidhi isthmus

F

- felli mountain
fjall mountain
fjordhur fjord, bay
fles, flesjar rocks

G

- geo, geodha a hollow, rocky creek, or opening
gjov split rock
gloup cave with open roof
grund, grynnna shoal or bank
gruns fishing banks

H

- haaf the deep sea
hamari steep wall of moutain
heugh crag or steep hill
heyggjur hill
holm islet
holmur island
hovdi point, hill
hovn bay

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K

- kirk church
klettur hill
kyle narrow sound or strait

M

- meikle, muckle great
mule, mull promontory, cape

N

- naes cape, headland
neap, noup lofty headland
nes point
nipa point

O

- ord steep hill, mountain
oy island
oyer islands

R

- rost tidal race or whirlpool

S

- sandur point
skaer rock or skerry
skar mountain pass
skerry rocky reef or isolated rock
stack precipitous isolated rock
stakkur point, rock
steinar rocks
steinur rock, point
sund strait, channel

T

- taing rocky point
tangi point
tindur mountain

V

- vag bay
vig creek, cove, or inlet
vik bay
voe long narrow bay or firth

W

- ward, wart, vord cairn of earth or stones
wick open bay

GAELIC	English	GAELIC	English
	R		
rhu, ruadh	red		
	S		
salann, salean	salt water bay		
sgei	a rock in the sea		
sgeirean	rocks in the sea		
sgon, sgonn	a lump		
sgor, sgurr	a peak		
sithean	mainland		
sron.....	nose, promontory		
		T	
		tob	a well or spring
		torr	a conical hill
		traigh	strand or sand beach
		tuath	north
		U	
		uaine.....	green
		uamg or uamha	cave
		uig	bay